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The emperor Aurelian, fleeing an attack on Rome persuaded the Senate to pay for a massive new wall encircling the city

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Aurelian murdered.

TACITUS became emperor

275AD

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ST. EUTYCHIAN, POPE

275-276

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Tacitus was empern

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ninth general persecution  
of Christians was under  
AURELIAN (275)

275 A.D.

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TACITUS

Classified as a good emperor  
He ruled 3 months when  
he died 275 A.D.

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275-283 reigned

St. EUTYCHIAN

St. EUTYCHIANUS was 27th Pontiff  
He succeeded Felix I

The soldiers who were with Aureliani when he died wrote to the senate at Rome, asking it to nominate one of its own members as emperors.

They elected their leading member, the elderly Marcus Claudius Tacitus, to admit the people and govern the empire. We are told he was 75. He may have been an elderly general brought out of



retirement.

When he became emperor he was a wealthy senator with a personal fortune of 280 sesterces.

He had become consul in his latter years in 273

275-284 AD

Six reigns fill the next nine years. -  
three of them the reigns of able and well-meaning  
men; and then came DIOCLETIAN to complete  
Aurelian's work

TACITUS

FLORIANUS

PROBUS

CARUS

CARINUS

NUMERIANUS

275-282 AD

275-276 reigned

born 200 died 276

TACITUS - Was chosen by the Senate

Jan 275

Aurelian was murdered in the East  
(Sibbm)

In reign of less than 5 yrs, he  
put an end to the Gothic war,  
chastised the Germans who invaded  
Italy, recovered Gaul, Spain, and  
Britain from the Roman usurpers and  
destroyed the proud monarchy which  
Zenobia, Queen of Palmyra, had erected in  
on the ruins of the afflicted empire

275

In 275 Aurelian set out for the northern frontier once again, defeating another incursion by the Suthungi. He then travelled eastwards, gathering an army together for a new war against the Persians.

Sept or Oct 275

Aurelian was at COENOCRURIUM near PERINTHUS, preparing to cross the Bosphorus, when he was murdered. The instigator of the deed was EROS, his private secretary, the perpetrator member of the praetorian guard. The motives are unclear, though one source lays the blame on Aurelian's growing tendency to cruelty. It may have arisen from a private grievance, or perhaps from the severity

with which he punished any  
extortion by his officials.

Aurelian died beloved of the Army that  
he had led to victory on so many occasions,  
and was buried by them at COEVAE FRUENTINAE  
with great ceremony. He was deified by  
the senate soon afterwards, and few indeed  
had deserved the honour as much as  
Aurelian. He reigned 5 years full of achieve-  
ment. Restored the Roman empire for  
12<sup>th</sup> time in 15 yrs.

275

Aurelian was murdered.



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Rome

Aurelian was murdered on  
an expedition against the  
Persians

275-292

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VARAHRAN II was king  
of Persia

Aurelian is killed near  
Byzantium.

Nov / Dec 275

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Accession of 7 AC/TVS.

TACITUS was elected emperor by the Senate. He defeated the ALANI.  
He died after 3 months.

His brother FLORIANUS, striving for succession was defeated by PROBUS

275. 276

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DURANT

Tacitus, emperor

An Egyptian monk, ANTHONY, began a quarter century of isolated existence, first in a tomb, then in an abandoned mountain castle, then in a rock-hewn desert cell. His reputation for sanctity filled all Christendom.

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Aurelian assassinated, No  
emperor for 8 months

Senate appoints TACITUS



275

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(212-275) AURELIAN (LUCIUS DOMITIUS  
AURELIANUS)

Roman emperor (270-275)

Successor of Claudius

Captured Palmyra the capital  
of Queen Zenobia.

Aurelian was killed by his  
own soldiers near Byzantium,  
while on his way to Persia.  
He was called by the Senate "the

Restoration of the Roman Empire